

July.

Great and Good News from IRELAND:

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A Full and True Account of the

Besieging and Taking

The Famous Town of

DROGHEDA

By Storm,

WITH

Five Thousand Protestant Soldiers,

Under the Command of

Lieutenant-Colonel DOWGLAS.

To which is added,

An Impartial Relation of the Great and Signal Victory obtained over the Irish Rebels, near the City of Dublin; the late King James heading of his Army in Person, and of the Taking the very Horse on which he rid.

ALSO

The Number of Men Killed, and Prisoners Taken, during the whole Action. 5. June. 1690.

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WE are just now come to Highlake, having been for some time Cruising before Dublin, whither our Commander, Caprain John Innings, was ordered out last Week; taking their Majesties Ship the *Dover*, Caprain Whitaker Commander, along for our Assistance; we Arrived at Dublin on Friday last, about Eleven at Night, where we came to an Anchor, and

sent our Boats to and again over the Bay all that Night, and the next Day, who had the success to take several small Vessels, with a considerable number of Prisoners and Protestants. Our taking of so many Barks and other Vessels did so enrage the Irish that they planted a strong Battery of Cannon upon one side of the Bay, and play'd very smartly upon us all Saturday Morning, with no effect.

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Our Commander then ordered to weigh Anchor, and coming nearer to them, returned upon them so his Broad-sides, notwithstanding all the place was full of Men; and tho' they had a Breast-Work thrown up, which was in a great measure a security from our Shot; yet it was very pleasant to see with what pannick Fear and Confusion they run, every one a different way, in the greatest Confusion imaginable, making tryal of every appearance of a hiding place. The Hories run as confusedly and disorderly as the Men, and being madded with noise and disorder trod do down many of their Valiant Riders; for, though there were a great number of Horsemen (for they feared our coming a shore) yet, in a little time not a Man was to be seen on Horseback, save the late King *James*, endeavouring to put Courage into that spiritless Crew; but all He could do was, with great difficulty, to get their Guns carried off, and was forced to quit his Horse; upon which our Commander immediately ordered the Boats on Shore, and heading them in Person, took a small Vessel in sight of several Troops of *Dragoons*, that had came fresh from *Dublin*; But so soon as our Commander ordered the two Boats Crew a Shore, it was pleasant to see how such as were on Horseback did Scamper, and such as were on Foot did climb upon the Rocks like so many Goats.

In fine, It not being safe for so small a Number of our Boats Crew to advance far, our Commander was contented to bring some of their Hories on Board our Ship, by the little Vessel he had taken in their Eye, for a token of their Cowardice, and the *English* Courage, among which was the late King *James's* Horse, which he had quitted) to *Highlake*, and set them on Shore. In all the Action (though they lost considerable as we could visibly see, and Prisoners after taken confirmed) we lost not one Man. The *Protestants* and Prisoners tell us, That just before this Action fell out, advice came to King *James* at *Dublin*, That the Famous Town of *Droghedagh* was lost; Duke *Schomberg* having Detached a strong Party of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, consisting of 3000 Men, under the Command of Lieutenant General *Douglas*, who investing the Place, immediately ordered their Miners, and raised a strong Battery of whole and Demy Cannon, which, in a little time, made so great a breach in the Old Wall, that our Men, after having filled up the Ditch, entred the Town Pell-mell, and put all that did not immediately lay down their Arms to the Sword.

All the Prisoners profess themselves willing and glad to be taken from the Misery, they feared would come upon them. By which you may judge what may be expected if our King were once over.

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